

Love to you and the family
from the family
in love with

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Love and my love

DOES OUR CHRISTIAN RELIGION MAKE US HAPPIER?

Ps. 16: In thy presence is fulness of joy, in thy right hand there are pleasures forevermore.

INTRO. Young man looking forward to his wedding, making all preparations. Just before the great event he was converted and his whole life was changed. He met with Jesus of Nazareth and surrendered his all to him. How about the festivities of the wedding? Religion is a serious business, how about the merry-making of a nuptial occasion?

Young man solved his problem by inviting Jesus to the wedding. And did Jesus come? And was he a wet blanket on the festivities? Did he frown on the music and feasting?

And when the wine gave out Jesus made more out of water, and it was even better than what they had had. And that is just what Jesus has been doing ever since. He as the personal companion of our lives, our friend and pal, transforms all mechanical piety into the merry-making of a genuine holy life. Jesus as guest at the wedding at Cana struck the key-note of his religion and of all Christian living.

I. Fulness of joy in the presence of God

Christ took away from us all fear of God

Not the all-terrible one, but a most loving father.

"We draw nigh to him not in the spirit of bondage again unto fear, but in the spirit of adoption whereby we cry, "Abba Father".

II. God's world as compared with the world without God.

The scientist's statement concerning the use of the telescope and microscope.

The consciousness that this is God's world and that we are His children transforms us from a mere speck in creation into spiritual beings who are kin to the eternal Father, joint-heirs with Christ.

The very physical world becomes a new creation.

Suppose God had made the sky a mud-color?

And the snow like black soot?

Sing 171 in Red Book

III. In the presence of God life becomes worth living.

Life has a meaning and a purpose in Christ Jesus.

Making the most of oneself with all the religious zeal of his being in the urge of every true Xn.

2.

Work motivated with Xn inspiration becomes the source of much joy.

High sense of Xn duty exalts one's work.

Velma's poem read.

From British Workman

"While I sought Happiness she fled
Before me constantly.

Weary, I turned to Duty's path,

And Happiness sought me,

Saying, 'I walk the road to-day:

I'll bear thee company.'"

IV. The Christian Outlook- eternal life

We live in our Heavenly Father's house

Eternal life here and now. "

Broker who left \$10,000 to his confidential clerk.

Interest payment began immediately- \$600 check

for first yr.

God's grace and goodness to us is the interest we receive here and now on our eternal life. It assures us of the reality of that eternal life.

WORK AND PLAY.

Do you ever stop to wonder
 Why we work?
 Why we play?
Do you ever stop to ponder
Over luck that comes your way?

Some folks are always crabbing
 Over work
 And even play,
While others do their duties laughing
Or in some other kind of way.

I think the better way to do it,
 In your work
 And in your play,
Is to do your little bit
And not to fool away the day.

Velma Viola Johnson.